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In re application of:

Izui et al.

Application No.: 10/019,284

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For: DNA ENCODING SUCROSE PTS
ENZYME II

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Slobodyansky

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VIA FACSIMILE TO: 703 872 9306**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a 1-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), extending the period for response to September 7, 2004, is filed concurrently herewith.